Medical and Educational Facilities to Beedi Workers in Andhra Pradesh

1024. SHRI YERRA NARAYANASWAMY: Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) whether medical and educational facilities are being made available to beedi workers in Andhra Pradesh;

(b) if so, the details of present schemes in this regard in Andhra Pradesh;

(c) whether similar facilities can be intended to tendu leaf collectors in Andhra Pradesh; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefore?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR (SHRI M.P. VEERENDRA KUMAR): (a) Yes Sir.

(b) In Andhra Pradesh, 18 dispensaries have been set up under Beedi Workers Welfare Fund to provide basic health care and family welfare services to beedi workers. A list of other welfare schemes pertaining to health and education being operated for benefit of beedi workers in Andhra Pradesh is given in the Statement (*See* below).

(c) No Sir.

(d) Tendu leaf collection is a seasonal work which lasts for a few weeks only. Moreover, the working conditions and problems of tendu leaf collectors are quite different from those of beedi workers.

Statement

List of Health and Education Schemes for Beedi Workers in Andhra Pradesh

Health

1. Reservation of beds in T.B. Hospitals.

2. Re-imbursement of actual cost of treatment to beedi workers suffering from Cancer.

3. Treatment of workers suffering from Mental Diseases and also grant of subsistance allowance and other benefits to such workers.

4. Grant of financial assitance to Beedi Workers (including Charkhata workers) for purchase of Spectacles.

5. Scheme for grant-in-aid to bodies/organisation providing indoor treatment to Beedi Workers suffering from Leprosy and also grant to subsistance allowance to the eligible workers.

6. Financial assistance for Domiciliary Treatment for T.B. patients.

7. Financial assistance under Maternity Benefits Scheme for Female Beedi Workers.

8. Scheme for payment of extra monetory compensation for Sterlisation to Beedi Workers.

9. Scheme for re-imbursement of expenditure as a financial assistance to Beedi Workers suffering from Heart diseases.

10. Scheme for re-embursement of expenditure as a financial assistance to Beedi Workers for Kidney Transplantation etc.

11. Group Insurances Scheme for Beedi Workers under Social Security.

Education

1. Award of Scholarship to the Children of Beedi Workers (including Charkhata Beedi Workers).

2. Composite Scheme for Financial Assistance to the School going children of Beedi Workers for supply of one set of dress, slates, note books and text books.

3. Payment of Incentives on passing final University/Board examinations from High School onwards.

4. Scheme to provide incentive/financial assistance of Re. 1/- to female children of Beedi Workers, on the basis of attendance in schools.

Issue of Show Cause Notices to IOC

1025. SHRI SUDHIR RANJAN MAJUMDAR: Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) whether Assistant Labour Commissioner (Central) at Calcutta-III issued six